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10 February 1960

STAFF MEETING MINUTES - 9 February 1960

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PRESENT: Col. Burke

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1. CHANGES IN CHAL SOP'S - [] reported that the Operations Branch was now in the act of drawing up messages to appropriate stations asking if any changes were desired in CHALICE SOP's based on the experience gained in the recent [] mission. Col. Burke requested that the Administrative and Materiel Branches send similar messages. This method will provide a means of assuring continuing smoothness in operations and also provide current check lists.

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For Operations asking them to weigh all factors and come up with a firm determination based on the planning to date. It will then be up to the Administrative Staff to implement the plan.

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3. TEST STATUS BOARD - There was little change in the Test Status Board other than to report that Detachment C will run three profiles using slippers. [] noted that LAC has come up with some face-plate changes which should have a bearing on the new helmets under consideration. Col. Burke directed that Materiel and Operations coordinate on this matter in view of the fact that a contract to make a proto-type helmet is in the mill.

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4. MALFUNCTION REPORT - A constant checking of trackers as they go through IRAN has reduced malfunction in this area considerably. For example, out of 27 runs, there were only two failures. The only other malfunctions reported are the occasional minor ones that normally develop in the equipment.

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5. CORONA - [] reported that the failure of the THOR to burn was responsible for the malfunction on the last attempt. Following the shot, the Space Business Daily reported on 8 February that the DISCOVERER IX malfunction has been blamed on power and engine problems. The article also quotes General Schriever and, in addition, notes that the THOR, as stated above, failed for the first time during the program to burn its programmed length of time. A message has been sent to AFBMD requesting that prior to any public release of information, this Hqs be advised of issuances. The message also requests of BMD to comment on the accuracy of statements made in the publication.

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The next shot is scheduled for [] but slippage is expected. It will be a camera shot.

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6. OXCART - [] reported that the Director signed off on the OXCART activity program on 6 February.

7. SECRETARY OF STATE BRIEFING - At 1430 hours, 9 February, Mr. Dulles, Mr. Helms, Mr. Lundahl and Col. Burke will brief Secretary of State Herter, Under Secretary Merchant and some cleared deputies on Mission 8005.

8. AGENCY AIR OBJECTIVES 1960 - 1970 - Prior to departing on his trip, Mr. Bissell requested that DPD make a study of Agency air objectives up to 1970. This would be broken into three parts: (1) what we are now doing, which is known for the next three years; (2) what we could consider as firm as possible for the next five years; and (3) an over-all ten-year look. The study would cover both methods of operation and equipment. A short paper has been written by Col. Burke outlining the requirements which will be considered as soon as possible by a DPD committee, chaired by []

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The first phase of the work will be to prepare an agreed paper within the DPD, and, second, to conduct meetings outside with appropriate components having an interest in air operations. A deadline of the end of this month has been set for the DPD phase and meetings with outside components should commence early in March.

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9. [] staging was completed on [] 25X1A
All support aircraft have now been released to USAFE. The take is being processed at EK and the first proofs are expected to arrive at PIC approximately 15-- hours 10 February. [] commented that initial 25X1A indications are that it was a very successful mission despite two aborts by the U-2 during the ferry stage. It was also noted that the turnabout at the staging site was made in one hour and fifteen minutes. Col. Burke extended his congratulations to the staff for the good work performed. Messages have been sent to the field commending personnel there on an excellent mission.

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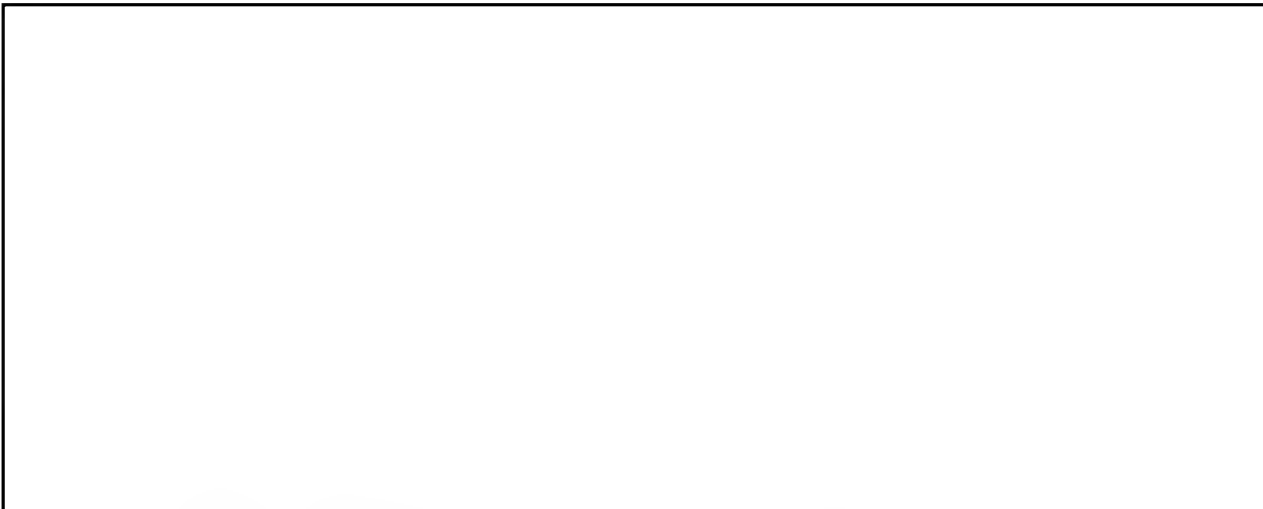
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13. MANNING DETACHMENTS 1 AND 2 - [] reported that of the [] have been filled and that he is confident the remaining 10 will be occupied by 15 March. 25X1A

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On the other hand, the [] was very pessimistic. Of the [] Air Force types originally there, [] have been nominated as possible detailees, thus requiring a requisition for two-thirds of the Detachment.. In November, a list of [] replacement positions was forwarded to MMPD for action and [] names have been submitted. In addition, [] new positions were requested two weeks ago as a result of a decision to increase the TO of the Detachment. [] indicated that at this rate, it would be September before the full complement would be realized. Col. Burke expressed grave concern over the situation and asked Personnel to check on the reasons for the delay and to take urgent steps to fill the quotas. [] commented that with the permission of [] Director of Logistics, he has asked [] Agency Supply Division, to survey the requirements [] during his impending trip there. [] indicated it may be possible to meet some requirements with TDY personnel. Any action along these lines will be coordinated with DFD Personnel. 25X1A 25X1A 25X1A 25X1A

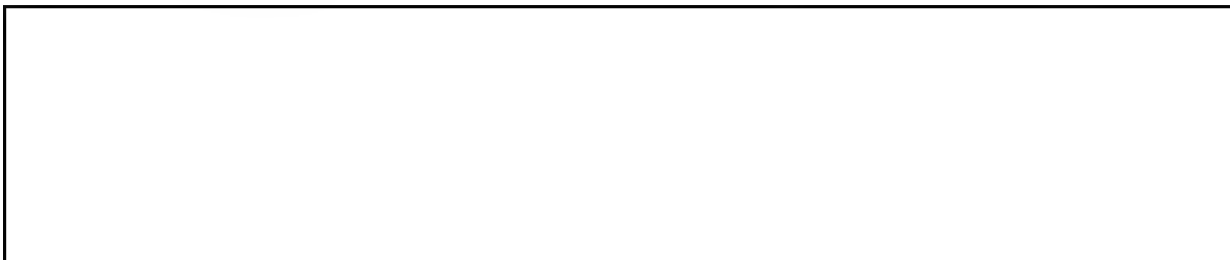
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14. OTHER ITEMS -

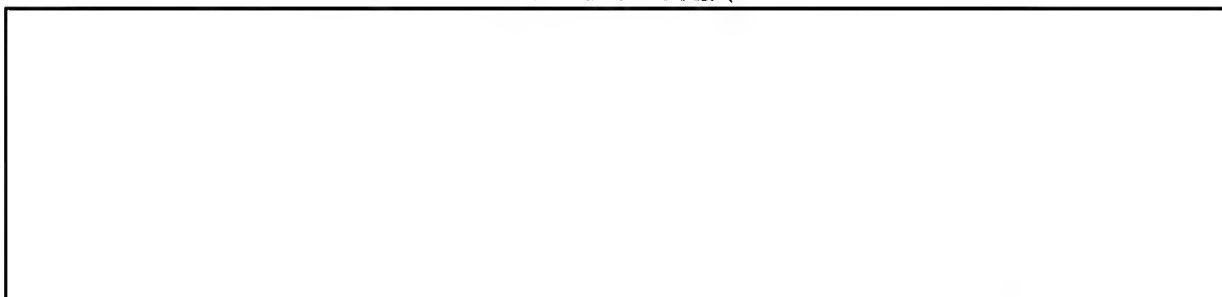
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Col. Burke requested that [redacted] write up a Program Activity 25X1A to tap the Director's reserve for money to cover this operation. It is possible that the same exercise will take place in March. Permitting [redacted] for these exercises is creating a cost for DPD in that it delays, and therefore continues, the testing program [redacted] which is costing [redacted] a year to maintain.

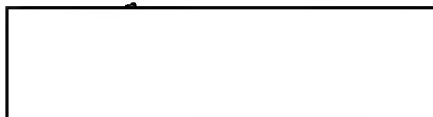
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Colonel, USAF
Acting Chief, DPD

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